

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 25, 2009

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Joe Falcha – Jennifer Harkey –

Jim Geffert (arrived 7:35 – Lisa Andrzejewski – Missy Orosz, PT Associate Director – Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Bruce

At 7:08 PM a motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to go out of order until Bobbi Komaromi, Aerobic Instructor was available for public comment once her class is done tonight. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Jennifer. to approve the minutes of February 25, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported a balance for line item 620-500 of \$2886.61 as of March 19, 2009. A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter dated March 3, 2009 from Bobbi Komaromi, Aerobic Instructor, offering a new exercise Zumba class to add to the program.

A letter dated March 7, 2009 from Rich Peterson of Rampage, LLC, regarding repair proposal for the Skate Park. The cost of necessary repairs would be \$1,630.00 and can be completed within a week of notice to proceed.

A letter dated March 9, 2009, from Joe Carrafiello, Boys' Basketball Coach at Seymour High School requesting permission to run the annual basketball camp from Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, 2009 using the same format as in the past years. Additional days would be needed if there are any more snow days for school. Gyms at either the Middle School or High School would be used for the events.

Joe L. received a request from Dean Meier, of the Seymour Martial Arts Academy, to use the Cougar's Den during the daytime for two Saturdays to hold some training sessions. He also has offered to purchase his own locker to keep his supplies in if he is allowed space in the building.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Skate Park – concerns continue with kids using the park even though it is locked. (See discussion below under Old Business).

-Summer camp application notices have been available since February 18. They are available at Town Hall and at the Recreation Department. Swim lessons will be advertised once personnel is in place. There is still a need for more lifeguard/swim instructors. Jack explained the interview process to new members.

-Youth Basketball – Missy reported that the championships went well and the instructional jamboree as well. *New Haven Register* took a photo. Suggestions for next season have been documented by Missy.

-Youth Center – Missy handed out letters to the parents at the Youth Center requesting more help with chaperones. Members suggested parents sign up in advance to help out, especially for the 6th grade night. A discussion was held of possibly selling tickets ahead of time at the schools to avoid having to collect money at the door when so many are arriving at the same time. If more chaperones are not available the count for attendance may need to be decreased. New spring programs sheet will be handed to parents this week. If there is a large response to any program, days and times may need to be altered to accommodate participants. Right now schedules are for Mondays and Tuesdays.

-Karate - the program is running well.

-Travel/Trips – Smucker's Ice Show on 4/4 has 3 tickets left.

Andre Rieu concert in Bridgeport – 4/24 – sold out

Lake George/Saratoga trip for 8/19 will be advertised next week.

Boston Pops/James Taylor Concert at Tanglewood on 8/30 will be advertised next week.

-Family Swim program ends on 4/8.

At 7:55 PM a motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to go back to Public Comment to accommodate Bobbi Komaromi. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bobbi Komaromi, Aerobic Instructor, presented a handout to members with comparisons of a multicultural Latin dancing program called Zumba. She would like to offer this as an eight week trial program, to be held on Monday nights, starting April 20th through June 15th. A minimum of eight people would be necessary at the fee of \$50.00 per person. The program would be held at Bungay School. She anticipates more than eight would be interested in the program once it gets started. Per her discussion with Jack, she contacted Bungay School and has already received permission for use of their gym.

At 8:07 PM a motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Christine to go back to order to discuss Old Business. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: New equipment is needed for the Cougars Den (ping pong table) as well as Summer Camp program supplies. With the current freeze on spending, Jack Ahearn, Recreation Director, will review further to see if there is any money in the current budget for such purchases. He will need to contact the finance department to determine if money can be spent on such items.

- Skate Park will remain in the same location (at this time) as it has been in the past. Bob Koskelowski asked for a recommendation whether the Board wants to maintain responsibility of running the park or turn it over to the town. Repairs need to be done whether or not the park is

supervised or unsupervised. After much discussion, the members agreed to recommend continuation of running the Skate Park under the auspice of the Recreation Department program with paid supervision and fees being charged for use. Lisa offered to contact someone she knows who is a skateboard instructor. Perhaps he may be able to run a special teaching program. She also suggested the board needs to think of ways to improve this program. Financially, the fees currently charged do not cover the cost of running the park. No change in fees was discussed at this time.

A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Jim to recommend keeping the Skate Park open, under the direction of the Recreation Department, with attendants and allocate the repairs to be made. All in favor, motion carried.

Joe F. will contact Bob Koskelowski, First Selectman, with the Board's recommendation.

-Summer Camps – Registration for the camps will take place May 7, 11, 12. Parents of some of the children that participated last year will be contacted to give their suggestions for improvements or changes they wish to see made before the program. There needs to be a list of expectations for camp staff in place before interviews. Interviews for camp staff will be held May 13, 14, 15. Gary, Jennifer and Lisa offered to help Jack and Missy with the interview process.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to approve the Zumba program by Bobbi Komaromi. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April; 22, 2009 at the Community Center. **Members are reminded to contact Joe F. if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary

